



State of Arizona
Department of Education

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter Holders, Principals, and Testing Coordinators
FROM: Dr. Robert Franciosi, Deputy Associate Superintendent
DATE: June 9, 2011
SUBJECT: **IMPORTANT. New Deadlines/Timetable for 2011 Test Results and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Evaluations. (REF: RE11003-E)**

This memo is to inform you of the timetable for the release of:

- Aggregate AIMS test scores;
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) evaluations for schools, districts, and charter holders;

This memo also advises you of other important dates for this year's accountability season, including deadlines for appeals.

New dates for the release of AZ LEARNS profiles, for both the legacy AZ LEARNS evaluations and the new A-F evaluations, will be announced in a future memo.

Important reminders regarding release of AYP evaluations and AIMS results. Federal regulations require LEAs to provide parents whose children attend schools in Title I improvement notice of public school choice options at least 14 days before the start of the school year (34 CFR § 200.37(b)(4)(iv)). In order to allow LEAs to meet this requirement, preliminary and final AYP determinations will not be subject to an embargo on public release.

Please note: AIMS results *remain embargoed* and are not to be shared with the public until public release by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). This information may be shared with staff only on a need-to-know basis. Test score results for individual students may be shared with the students, parents, teachers, and other staff in order to make educational decisions related to specific students.



Deadlines for the Submission of Information

Following are the deadlines for the 2011 appeals process for AYP. All deadlines are at 5 p.m. MST.

Important Note: In order to ensure that any data corrections are incorporated into the preliminary evaluations, all data corrections must be made by the “**Preliminary Date**” below. The last day any data corrections will be accepted is the “**Final Date**” below. Please avoid the last minute rush; make your data corrections as soon as possible!

Event	Opening Date	Closing Date
Data correction/statistical appeals for graduation and dropout rates. Please take the time to inspect your student information and ensure that program memberships, entry and exit dates, and withdrawal codes are correct and up-to-date. Corrections must be performed through SAIS.	April 27, 2011	Preliminary Date: May 20, 2011 Final Date: June 30, 2011
Data correction/statistical appeals for enrollment counts and program membership. This application provides rosters of students enrolled at the time of testing. Schools are responsible for testing students on these rosters. Please take the time to inspect the rosters and ensure that program memberships and entry and exit dates are correct and up-to-date. Corrections must be performed through SAIS.	April 27, 2011	Preliminary Date: May 20, 2011 Final Date: June 30, 2011
Submission of correct SAIS IDs for AIMS writing, reading, and mathematics. Please examine the SAIS ID correction application on the Common Logon and correct any missing or erroneous SAIS IDs. Students with incorrect SAIS IDs cannot be matched to enrollment and, therefore, will not be counted as tested.	April 27, 2011	Preliminary Date: May 20, 2011 Final Date: June 30, 2011



Event	Opening Date	Closing Date
AYP substantive appeals. A school/LEA wishing to appeal its AYP status based on adverse circumstances outside of its control must submit its appeal in during this time period.	June 15, 2011	June 30, 2011

Release Dates

The ADE will release information to schools, districts, and the public on the dates provided below.

Embargoed release to districts/schools		Public release	
AIMS, AIMS DPA, and Stanford 10 scores available via the ADE Common Logon.	June 29, 2011	AIMS, AIMS DPA, and Stanford 10 scores.	July 13, 2011
Preliminary AYP evaluations for all schools and districts.	June 15, 2011	Final AYP evaluations for all schools and districts.	July 27, 2011

I appreciate your attention to these upcoming calendar events as well as your ongoing cooperation. The Arizona Department of Education Research and Evaluation team will be providing you more detailed information, directions for completing applications, and reminders regarding each of the events outlined in this memo as the deadlines approach. Please be sure to share this information with appropriate district and school staff, as necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the ADE Research and Evaluation section at 602-542-5151 or email achieve@azed.gov.

Sincerely,

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